

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer, said at least one server computer comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer for:

receiving, from a user, a user input through a remote client computer, said user input comprising an identification of a particular destination, a set of package specifications for a particular package that is to be delivered to the particular destination and an indication of a shipping date;

in response to receiving the ~~set of package specifications and the indication of the shipping date~~user input:

determining a first shipping rate and a corresponding first target delivery date according to the user input, said first shipping rate being a rate that a first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said particular destination by the corresponding first target delivery date, according to a first delivery service and according to the ~~shipping date~~user input,

determining a second shipping rate and a corresponding second target delivery date according to the user input, said second shipping rate being a rate that said first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said particular destination by the corresponding first target delivery date, according to a second delivery service and according to the ~~shipping date~~user input,

determining a third shipping rate and a corresponding third target delivery date according to the user input, said third shipping rate being a rate that a second

carrier would charge to deliver said package to said particular destination by the corresponding third target delivery date according to a third delivery service and according to the ~~shipping date~~ user input,

determining a fourth shipping rate and a corresponding fourth target delivery date according to the user input, said fourth shipping rate being a rate that said second carrier would charge to deliver said package to said particular destination by the corresponding fourth target delivery date according to a fourth delivery service and according to the ~~shipping date~~ user input, and

simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates with a corresponding indication of the corresponding first, second, third and fourth target delivery dates to a display device operable with the remote client computer;

receiving a request from said user through the remote client computer to ship said package on the shipping date to said particular destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and

facilitating delivery of said package to said particular destination via said particular delivery service.

65. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both next day delivery services.

66. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both second day delivery services.

67. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said step of simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates with a corresponding indication of the corresponding first, second, third and fourth target delivery dates to said user comprises:

generating a simultaneous display of said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates with a corresponding indication of the corresponding first, second, third and fourth target delivery dates; and

transmitting said simultaneous display to the remote client computer for display on a display device operable with said remote client computer.

Claim 68. Cancelled.

69. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim ~~[[68]]~~64, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input, for:

identifying a corresponding first time on said corresponding first [[day]] target delivery date beforeby which said first carrier would deliver said package to said particular destination, according to the ~~shipping date~~user input, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said particular destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a corresponding second time on said corresponding second [[day]] target delivery date beforeby which said first carrier would deliver said package to said particular destination, according to the ~~shipping date~~user input, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said particular destination via said second delivery service;

identifying a corresponding third time on said corresponding third target delivery date by which said second carrier would deliver said package to said particular destination, according to the user input, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said particular destination via said third delivery service;

identifying a corresponding fourth time on said corresponding fourth target delivery date by which said second carrier would deliver said package to said particular destination, according to the user input, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said particular destination via said fourth delivery service and

~~displaying to the display device:~~

~~a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said particular destination, according to the shipping date, before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver~~

~~said package to said particular destination via said first delivery service; and
a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would
deliver said package to said particular destination, according to the shipping
date, before said second time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver
said package to said particular destination via said second delivery service~~
said simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates
with a corresponding indication of the corresponding first, second, third and fourth target
delivery dates to a display device operable with the remote client computer further
comprising simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates
with a corresponding indication of the corresponding first, second, third and fourth target
delivery dates and the corresponding first, second, third and fourth times.

70. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 69, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

Claim 71. Cancelled.

72. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 64;
~~said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed by
said at least one server computer, in further response to receiving the user input, for:
—— identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said
particular destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver
said package to said particular destination via said first delivery service;
—— identifying a second day on which said second carrier would deliver said package
to said particular destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were
to deliver said package to said particular destination via said third delivery service;~~
said first delivery service [[is]]comprising a next day delivery service;
said third delivery service [[is]]comprising a next day delivery service; and
said first day and said second day [[are]]comprising different days.

Claim 73. Cancelled.

74. (Currently Amended) A server-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one server computer, said at least one server computer comprising a computer usable medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer for:

in response to receiving an input by a user through a particular remote client computer of a particular destination, a particular shipping date and package specifications for a particular package, identifying a first [[day]]date and time according to the input, [[on]]by which a first carrier would deliver the particular package to the particular destination according to the ~~particular shipping date~~input, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said particular destination via a first delivery service;

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a second [[day]]date and time according to the input, [[on]]by which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination according to the ~~particular shipping date~~input, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via a second delivery service;

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a third [[day]]date and time according to the input, [[on]]by which a second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination according to the ~~particular shipping date~~input, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via a third delivery service;

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a fourth [[day]]date and time according to the input, [[on]]by which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination according to the ~~particular shipping date~~input, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via a fourth delivery service; and

in further response to receiving the input, simultaneously displaying to a display device operable with the remote client computer:

(A) a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination

[[on]]by said first [[day]]date and time if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said first delivery service;

(B) a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination [[on]]by said second [[day]]date and time if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said second delivery service;

(C) a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination [[on]]by said third [[day]]date and time if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said third delivery service; and

(D) a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination [[on]]by said fourth [[day]]date and time if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via said fourth delivery service.

75. (Previously Presented) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 74, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer for:

receiving a request from said user to ship said particular package to said particular destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and

facilitating delivery of said particular package to said particular destination via said particular delivery service.

Claim 76. Cancelled.

77. (Currently Amended) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim ~~[[76]]~~74, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

Claims 78-79. Cancelled.

80. (New) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 74, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer for:

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a first rate for which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination by said first date and time, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via the first delivery service;

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a second rate for which said first carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination by said second date and time, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via the second delivery service;

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a third rate for which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination by said third date and time, if said second carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via the third delivery service; and

in further response to receiving the input, identifying a fourth rate for which said second carrier would deliver said particular package to said particular destination by said fourth date and time, if said first carrier were to deliver said particular package to said particular destination via the fourth delivery service.

81. (New) The server-based shipping management computer system of Claim 80, said computer readable program code further adapted to be executed by said at least one server computer for:

in further response to receiving the input, simultaneously displaying to the display device operable with the remote client computer:

(A) the first delivery schedule indicia further comprising an indication

of the first rate;

(B) the second delivery schedule indicia further comprising an indication of the second rate;

(C) the third delivery schedule indicia further comprising an indication of the third rate; and

(D) the fourth delivery schedule indicia further comprising an indication of the fourth rate.